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SUBJ: UNCTAD: 8TH SPECIAL SESSION OF TDB: GROUP B

STATEMENT

FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF GROUP B STATEMENT DELIVERED

APRIL 26:

1. AID. RECALLED THAT SOME MEMBERS HAD REACHED 0.7 PERCENT AID TARGET AND OTHERS ARE NEAR IT, WHILE OTHERS HAD NOT FOUND IT POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE. OBSERVED THAT DAC COUNTRIES STILL PROVIDE 80 PERCENT OF CONCESSIONAL FLOWS. OBSERVED THAT GROUP B COUNTRIES HAD BEEN PROMINENT IN EFFECTING SHIFT OF ODA TOWARDS LEAST DEVELOPED AND PARTICIPATED IN JOINT EFFORT WITH OPEC TO ASSIST MSA'S.

2. TRADE. RECALLED DDII HAD SEEN INCEPTION AND PROGRESSIVE IMPROVEMENT OF GSP SCHEMES BY NEARLY ALL MAJOR WESTERN TRADING NATIONS. OBSERVED ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE IN EFFECT IN SOME COUNTRIES AND UNDER CONSIDERATION IN OTHERS, AND THAT NEW CONCESSIONS WERE MADE IN MTN WHERE NTB'S CONTINUE TO BE EXAMINED.

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3. COMMODITIES. COULD NOT ACCEPT G-77 ASSESSMENT THAT CHANGE OF ATTITUDE IS REQUIRED OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN COMMODITY TRADE, NOTING THAT SUGAR NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOW UNDERWAY, AND COMMODITY TALKS ARE IN PROGRESS ACCORDING TO TIMETABLE LAID DOWN BY THE AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON THE INTEGRATED PROGRAM. NOTED THAT PROGRESS

AT THE NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE ON A COMMON FUND WAS A DIS-APPOINTMENT TO MANY, BUT THAT THE CONFERENCE HAS RESULTED IN FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF THE ISSUES. ALSO NOTED THAT A NUMBER OF GROUP B MEMBER COUNTRIES ACCEPT CONCEPT OF COMMON FUND, AND SOME HAVE INDICATED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO CONTRIBUTE TO A COMMON FUND. POINTED OUT THAT SO COM- PLEX AN ISSUE WILL TAKE TIME TO BE NEGOTIATED.

4. INSTITUTIONAL IMPROVEMENT. POINTED TO POSITIVE STEPS TAKEN INCLUDING IFAD, RECONSTITUTION OF RESOURCES OF IDA AND IBRD, CREATION OF IMF TRUST FUND AND EXPANSION OF QUOTAS AND COMPENSATORY FINANCE FACILITIES.

5. FUTURE. SERIOUS WORK IS IN HAND TO ATTAIN VARIOUS OBJECTIVES IN FIELD OF COMMODITIES, TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES. EXPRESSED HOPE THAT IN CONFERENCE WILL LEAD TO CONCRETE RESULTS EXPECTED OF IT, AND THAT TDB MINISTERIAL WILL ACHIEVE POSITIVE STEPS FOR- WARD IN A LIMITED NUMBER OF CAREFULLY CHOSEN ISSUES. NOTED THAT EXISTENCE OF DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATING PROCESS AND THE CROWDED WORK SCHEDULE ARE EVIDENCE ENOUGH OF THE POLITICAL WILL THAT CLEARLY EXISTS WITHIN GROUP B. HOPED THAT IDS COULD BE RE-EXAMINED IN WAYS THAT DRAW ON EXPERIENCES AND TRANSLATE CONCEPTS INTO PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO BUILD ON REAL AND BASIC NEEDS OF DEVELOP- ING COUNTRIES IN ALL THEIR DIVERSITY.

6. ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (ECDC). CONCEPT SHOULD HAVE PLACE WITHIN AND NOT BE ALTERNATIVE UNCLASSIFIED

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TO COOPERATION AND INTERDEPENDENCE BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. LOOKED FORWARD TO PARTICIPATION IN THIS SPIRIT IN MEETING NEXT WEEK OF UNCTAD COMMITTEE ON ECDC.WORENSEN

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